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Dear Mr. Peck:

RE: Fall Chinook and Coho Seasons

I wanted to express my personal gratitude for the positive outcome of the Spring sport fishing on the Columbia. Coming from a background of fishermen and women, we continually strive to encourage our kids, as well as younger generations, that it is a great family sport with many rewards. It not only brings you together for a day outdoors full of fun and memories, but it also is worthwhile if a fish is landed and we can enjoy a nice barbeque dinner afterward.

As an active member of the Northwest Sportfishing Industry Association, I am writing on behalf of the Fall Chinook and Coho Season so that you are aware that full sport fisheries:

- Are the best use of ESA limited harvest conserving more wild fish;
- It brings the economic "bang for the hatchery bucks" spreading \$18 million+ throughout the Columbia River drainage;
- It's a "win" for all citizens of the state to have an equal opportunity to make use of Oregon's wonderful "natural" resources; and
- Most importantly, it's important to my family, friends, and all sport-fishermen and women alike.

I encourage you to support fully prosecuted sport fisheries this fall for all of the reasons I've listed above. Thank you in advance for protecting our livelihood.

Sincerely,

Sherri Hanni

cc: Northwest Sportfishing Industry Association (NSIA)

